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**SECRETARY, BOARD OF
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Board of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Re: Docket 2015-017, Cause No. 190-14, Request for Agency Action, Enlarging the designated oil shale area

Gentlemen:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has reviewed the referenced Request for Agency Action, which affects certain lands controlled by Enfit American Oil. The request involves lands in Federal Oil Shale Research, Development, and Demonstration (RD&D) Lease UTU-84807.

Federal Oil Shale Lease UTU-84087 was issued effective July 1, 2007. The following lands are contained in the lease and are under the direct control of Enfit American Oil for oil shale extraction. Section 1 (c) of the lease which states "Leased Lands" means the lands described as follows:

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Sec. 22, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 27, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 160 acres more or less.

Section 1 (e) of the lease states, "preference lease area" means the are reserved for leasing during the term of this lease to which Lessee may earn a preference lease right. The Preference lease area for this lease is described as follows:

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Sec. 13, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 14, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 22, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 23, All;
Sec. 24, All;
Sec. 25, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 26, All;
Sec. 27, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 35, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$.

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Sec. 18, All;

Sec. 19, All.

Containing 4,960 acres, more or less.

Section 23 of the lease discusses conversion of the preference lease area. It states that the lessee must apply for a commercial oil shale lease on the lands after the Authorized Officer has been satisfied that commercial production quantities have been achieved.

The BLM has not received an application for a commercial lease from Enefit for any lands and therefore currently Enefit does not own a lease from the Federal Government for the "Preference Lease Area".

If you should have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Stan Perkes of this office at (801) 539-4036.

Respectfully submitted this 8th Day of May, 2015.

Sincerely,



Roger Bankert
Chief, Branch of Minerals

cc: BLM Field Office Manager- Vernal (UTG02)
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